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Applicants: Scott Lewallen and Daniel D. Thacker  
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INSTRUMENT TO A TOOTH APICAL FORAMEN  
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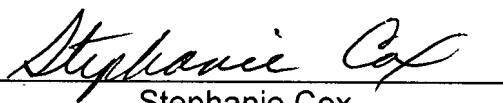
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**23 May 2007**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed 4 May 2007, the applicants request that the examiner withdraw the restriction requirement on claims 1 – 46 and provisionally elect claims 1 – 39 for continued prosecution.

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